



Area Labor Profile

Brooks

County



Updated: Dec 2016

Labor Force Activity - 2015

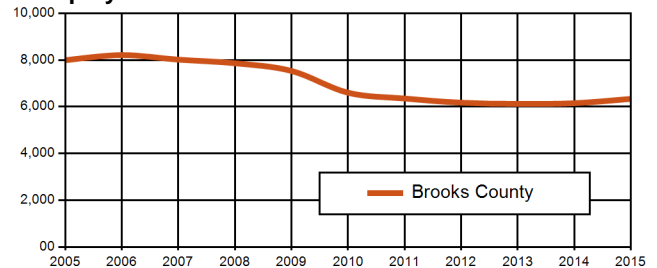
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Brooks	6,740	6,339	401	5.9%
Colquitt	19,707	18,441	1,266	6.4%
Cook	7,252	6,773	479	6.6%
Lowndes	50,355	47,359	2,996	5.9%
Thomas	16,798	15,608	1,190	7.1%
Brooks Area	100,852	94,520	6,332	6.3%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
Jefferson, FL	5,424	5,109	315	5.7%
Madison, FL	7,545	7,080	465	6.2%

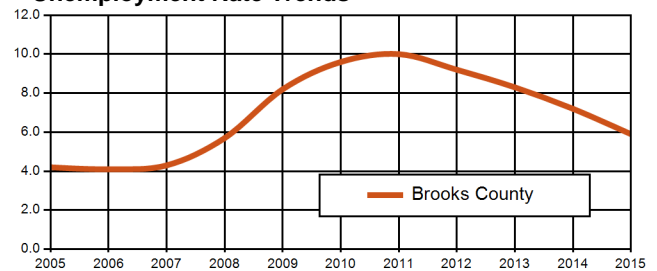
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

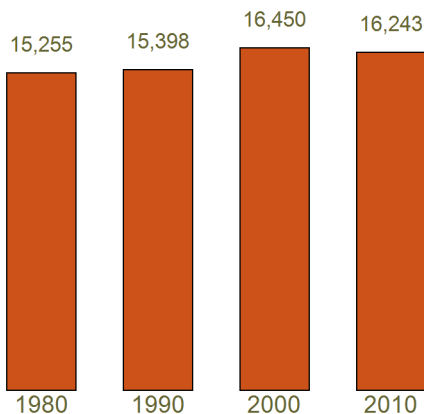
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Brooks	16,243	216	15,658	-3.6	14,985	-7.7
City of Quitman	3,850					
Brooks Area	265,656		269,043	1.3	303,399	14.2
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2
Jefferson, FL	14,019		14,081	0.4	16,165	15.3
Madison, FL	18,731		18,408	-1.7	22,623	20.8

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

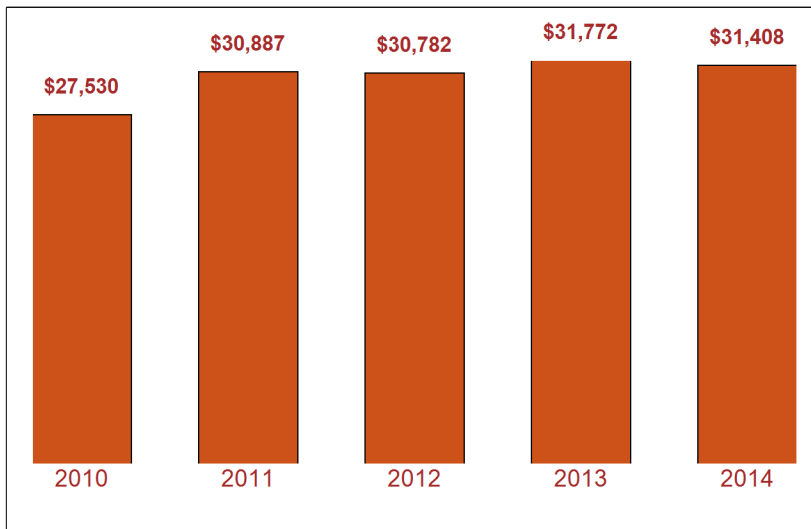
INDUSTRY	Brooks				Brooks Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	74	745	24.0	619	1,048	16,995	18.4	810
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	45	450	14.5	563	240	2,886	3.1	517
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	4	348	0.4	841
Construction	22	69	2.2	518	531	3,564	3.9	866
Manufacturing	7	226	7.3	760	273	10,196	11.0	872
Food	1	*	*	*	33	3,154	3.4	955
Wood Product	1	*	*	*	33	1,490	1.6	747
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	16	102	0.1	638
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	20	1,186	1.3	710
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	44	1,294	1.4	956
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	15	74	0.1	585
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	4	77	0.1	749
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	6	119	0.1	767
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	8	504	0.5	1,314
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	12	81	0.1	407
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	12	219	0.2	937
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	12	232	0.3	823
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	14	438	0.5	1,014
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	15	256	0.3	929
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	19	*	*	*
Service-Providing	185	1,653	53.2	583	4,834	56,084	60.8	582
Utilities	2	*	*	*	25	339	0.4	1,166
Wholesale Trade	26	444	14.3	811	324	2,994	3.2	886
Retail Trade	42	283	9.1	445	1,024	11,768	12.7	472
Transportation and Warehousing	7	*	*	*	165	3,443	3.7	753
Information	3	11	0.4	537	53	1,808	2.0	501
Finance and Insurance	12	75	2.4	781	295	2,105	2.3	941
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	9	6	0.2	311	247	1,106	1.2	637
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12	29	0.9	542	411	1,995	2.2	946
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	21	290	0.3	1,195
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	11	21	0.7	751	303	6,070	6.6	494
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	38	662	0.7	527
Health Care and Social Assistance	18	303	9.7	654	653	9,729	10.5	847
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5	38	1.2	355	72	1,327	1.4	308
Accommodation and Food Services	12	96	3.1	250	479	9,773	10.6	251
Other Services (except Public Administration)	26	305	9.8	408	493	2,399	2.6	431
Unclassified - industry not assigned	9	17	0.5	457	231	274	0.3	544
Total - Private Sector	268	2,415	77.7	593	5,882	73,079	79.2	635
Total - Government	29	692	22.3	577	313	19,228	20.8	705
Federal Government	7	23	0.7	741	95	1,483	1.6	839
State Government	8	42	1.4	479	104	4,235	4.6	742
Local Government	14	627	20.2	577	114	13,510	14.6	679
ALL INDUSTRIES	297	3,108	100.0	589	6,195	92,306	100.0	649
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					298,099	4,257,675		930

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

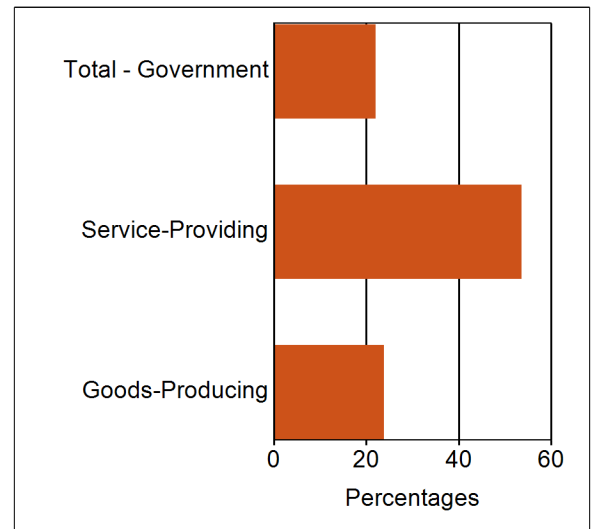
Brooks Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Brooks Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Brooks

Ag-Pro, LLC
Archibold Medical Center, Inc. - SGSA
B.C.T. Gin Company, Inc.
Brewer Pope Farms, Inc.
Brooksco Dairy
Crown Health Care Laundry Services
Fellowship Home at Brookside
Langboard, Inc.
O'steen - Mccard Motors, Inc.
Woodhaven Industries

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Brooks Area

Ambassador Peo, Inc.
Ambassador Personnel, Inc.
Archibold Medical Center, Inc. - SGSA
Convergys Customer Management
Data Software Services, LLC
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
Parkwood Development Center
Sanderson Farms, Inc
Valdosta State University
Walmart

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Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Brooks

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	3,276	44.9
Brooks, GA	2,979	40.8
Thomas, GA	381	5.2
Colquitt, GA	154	2.1
Tift, GA	107	1.5
Cook, GA	98	1.3
Madison, FL	81	1.1
Berrien, GA	71	1.0
Other	149	2.0
Total Residents:	7,296	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Brooks

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Brooks, GA	2,979	75.7
Lowndes, GA	375	9.5
Thomas, GA	209	5.3
Colquitt, GA	162	4.1
Berrien, GA	47	1.2
Leon, FL	26	0.7
Echols, GA	25	0.6
Fulton, GA	19	0.5
Other	93	2.4
Total Residents:	3,935	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Brooks Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.1%	2.3%	4.3%	5.3%	4.8%	15.8%
Some High School	14.3%	16.2%	12.7%	12.5%	13.1%	18.3%
High School Grad/GED	34.7%	33.2%	30.7%	34.4%	37.7%	35.3%
Some College	23.1%	38.2%	26.0%	21.2%	19.2%	13.1%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.9%	4.7%	8.2%	7.1%	6.2%	3.0%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.2%	4.9%	13.0%	13.1%	10.9%	8.5%
Post Graduate Studies	5.7%	0.6%	5.2%	6.4%	8.2%	6.1%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Brooks	113	--	113
Colquitt	551	--	551
Cook	203	--	203
Lowndes	1,068	--	1,068
Thomas	500	--	500
Brooks Area	2,435	--	2,435



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Brooks Area

Lowndes

Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus	
Embry-Riddle - Moody Center	http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8
Valdosta State University	www.valdosta.edu
Moody Air Force Base Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	www.wiregrass.edu

Thomas

Southern Regional Technical College	http://southernregional.edu
Southwest Georgia Technical College	www.southwestgatech.edu/
Thomas University	www.thomasu.edu

Colquitt

Moultrie Technical College	www.moultrietech.edu
Colquitt County Campus (Satellite campus of Southern Regional Technical College)	www.southernregional.edu

Cook

Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	102	115	223	12.7	93.9
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	100	96	161	-4.0	67.7
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	27	34	98	25.9	188.2
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	66	101	272	53.0	169.3
Animation, Interactive Tech, Video Graphics and Sp°	3	8	8	166.7	0.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	16	29	55	81.3	89.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	98	89	397	-9.2	346.1
Banking and Financial Support Services°	18	22	25	22.2	13.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	49	72	177	46.9	145.8
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	11	9	42	-18.2	366.7
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	91	121	338	33.0	179.3
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	8	12	16	50.0	33.3
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	4	11	13	175.0	18.2
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	9	7	15	-22.2	114.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	52	53	83	1.9	56.6
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	5	8	17	60.0	112.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	224	272	688	21.4	152.9
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	121	194	438	60.3	125.8
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	3	30	-57.1	900.0

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	52	41	111	-21.2	170.7
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	20	33	54	65.0	63.6
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	6	14	-45.5	133.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	17	38	88.9	123.5
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	18	22	50	22.2	127.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	109	78	176	-28.4	125.6
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	8	8	27	0.0	237.5
Electrician°	31	54	152	74.2	181.5
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	119	112	342	-5.9	205.4
Game and Interactive Media Design°	1	2	16	100.0	700.0
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	9	14	20	55.6	42.9
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	15	29	55	93.3	89.7
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	71	98	198	38.0	102.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology°	82	85	148	3.7	74.1
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	5	6	18	20.0	200.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	31	50	96	61.3	92.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	161	132	238	-18.0	80.3
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	5	5	22	0.0	340.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	15	18	38	20.0	111.1
Medical Insurance Specialist/Medical Biller°	46	58	97	26.1	67.2
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	9	4	1	-55.6	-75.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	59	44	83	-25.4	88.6
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	63	29	157	-54.0	441.4
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	55	97	246	76.4	153.6
Operations Management and Supervision°	2	4	3	100.0	-25.0
Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions, Other°	6	7	13	16.7	85.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	15	19	12	26.7	-36.8
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	53	60	60	13.2	0.0
Photographic and Film/Video Technology/Technician and Assistant	1	9	3	800.0	-66.7
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	11	19	44	72.7	131.6
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	35	33	44	-5.7	33.3
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	71	55	103	-22.5	87.3
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	10	8	7	-20.0	-12.5
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	2	15	36	650.0	140.0
Social Work, Other°	19	16	18	-15.8	12.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist	26	22	41	-15.4	86.4

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	111	136	268	22.5	97.1
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant°	14	11	19	-21.4	72.7
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	101	205	304	103.0	48.3

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. and Math	Life and Soc. Svcs. Eng.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support	
Brooks	191	1	1	4	99	2	1	0	4	4	20	55
Colquitt	1,323	209	64	110	30	11	81	25	228	24	130	411
Cook	180	13	32	3	2	0	0	10	2	7	30	81
Lowndes	1,192	70	216	87	78	5	23	0	173	101	267	172
Thomas	644	35	17	53	59	15	90	2	53	20	99	201
Subtotal Area	3,530	328	330	257	268	33	195	37	460	156	546	920

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Brooks	1,342	30	59	55	26	170	239	23	38	103	296	303
Colquitt	8,079	220	457	214	196	530	1,253	238	454	658	2,589	1,270
Cook	1,662	22	53	36	43	224	334	16	47	135	485	267
Lowndes	5,824	154	327	119	137	318	1,225	117	206	759	1,568	894
Thomas	5,950	184	293	192	221	332	1,504	50	150	223	1,781	1,020
Subtotal Area	22,857	610	1,189	616	623	1,574	4,555	444	895	1,878	6,719	3,754

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

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